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Therewith

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

The following paper is being submitted in response to an Office Action dated September 24, 1999.

**Remarks**

**Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121**

Claims 15 and 48-55 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has requested election of a single disclosed species whereby the polymer attached to the protein is selected from:

- i. dextran
- ii. colonic acids
- iii. poly beta-amino acids
- iv. carbohydrate polymers

Applicants' attorney has attempted several times to contact the Examiner (who is on extended leave) and his SPE. It appears that certain polymer species were inadvertantly omitted from the election requirement. Specifically, claim 15 also claims the protein attached to polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol and polyoxyethylated glycerol. Accordingly in view of this apparent oversight,

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